REQUEST FOR REFUND

Applicant

Tanihara, Nozomu

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Filed

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For

METHOD FOR SEPARATING/

RECOVERING OXYGEN-RICH AIR FROM AIR, ITS APPARATUS AND GAS SEPARATION MEMBRANE MODULE

Examiner

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Preliminary Amendment filed on August 17, 2006 included 9 total claims and 3 independent claims. The Amendment filed on August 14, 2009 included 7 total claims and 3 independent claims. Since the highest number of claims was previously paid, no additional claims fees were paid. However, the USPTO deducted an additional independent claims fee of \$220 for the Amendment filed on August 14, 2009. Applicant requests a refund of \$220 for the payment of 1 independent claim as calculated below. Please credit our Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

| Claims Remaining After Amendment 8/14/09 | Highest Number Previously Paid for | Present Extra | Total Paid by Deposit Account | Refund Due to Deposit Account |
|--|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total - 7 (37 CFR 1.16(i)) | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Independent - 3 (37 CFR 1.16(h)) | 3 | 0 | 220.00 | 220.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$220.00 |

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